

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

As the Examiner will note, claims 1, 15, 28, 29, 31 and 32 have been amended and claims 43 and 44 have been added to the present application. Also, claims 2-4, 14, 34 and 40 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1, 5-13, 15-33, 35-39 and 41-44 are presently under consideration in the present application.

Support for the amendments made to the claims can be found on pages 3 and 4 of the present application.

It is the Applicant's position that the claims as presently worded define a patentable invention which is not anticipated by or rendered obvious by the prior art relied upon by the Examiner under either 35 USC 102(b) or 35 USC 103(a). Thus, it is believed that the previous detailed comments made by the Applicant, as reflected in the present claims, define an inventive contribution which is not recognized by any of the references relied upon by the Examiner either alone or in combination. Accordingly, reconsideration of the prior art rejections and allowance of all of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Raymond C. Stewart, Registration No. 21066, at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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